

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A printing apparatus having:

display means ~~capable of~~ for displaying an option display in which a plurality of options in a first hierarchy and related to printing are displayed on a display screen;

tentative option designating means for designating at least one option out of the plurality of options displayed as a tentative option on the display screen, wherein the tentative option is related to printing;

selection determination means for determining the tentative option as a determinate option, wherein the determinate option is related to printing; and

print means for printing based on the determinate option, wherein said printing apparatus comprises:

explanation requesting means ~~capable of~~ for requesting, before the determination, a handling explanation including at least one of an operating explanation for guiding a next operation from a state of the option display and a function explanation for explaining a function of the tentative option; and

display switching means for switching, ~~when the handling explanation is requested,~~ display of the display screen from the option display to; ~~explanation display that is display of the handling explanation~~

a function explanation display when the function explanation for explaining the function of the tentative option is selected as the handling explanation;

a plurality of options in a second hierarchy that is related to the determinate option after the tentative option is determined as the determinate option; and

an operating explanation display when the operating explanation for guiding the next operation from the state of the option display is selected as the handling explanation.

2. (Original) The printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

a plurality of display modes are defined inclusive of an option display mode for commanding the option display and an explanation display mode for commanding the explanation display;

said explanation requesting means requests the handling explanation by switching from the option display mode to the explanation display mode; and

said display switching means allows the display screen to perform the option display in the option display mode and the display of the handling explanation in the explanation display mode.

3. (Original) The printing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said explanation requesting means is key operation means for alternately switching between the option display mode and the explanation display mode by operating an identical key.

4. (Original) The printing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

explanation printing commanding means for commanding explanation printing in which the handling explanation is printed by said print means before the determination.

5. (Original) The printing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein an object to be printed in the explanation printing is one which can be attached to an object of attachment through an adhesive surface.

6. (Currently amended) A printing apparatus having:

display means ~~eapable of~~ for displaying an option display in which a plurality of options in a first hierarchy related to printing are displayed on a display screen;

tentative option designating means for designating at least one option out of the plurality of options displayed as a tentative option on the display screen, wherein the tentative option is related to printing;

selection determination means for determining the tentative option as a determinate option, wherein the determinate option is related to printing; and

print means for printing based on the determinate option, wherein said printing apparatus comprises:

explanation requesting means capable of requesting, before the determination, a handling explanation including at least one of an operating explanation for guiding a next operation from a state of the option display and a function explanation for explaining a function of the tentative option; and

explanation printing commanding means for commanding explanation printing in which the handling explanation is printed by said print means when the handling explanation is requested; and

display switching means for switching the display of the display screen from the option display to:

a function explanation display when the function explanation for explaining the function of the tentative option is selected as the handling explanation;

a plurality of options in a second hierarchy that is related to the determinate option after the tentative option is determined as the determinate option; and

an operating explanation display when the operating explanation for guiding the next operation from the state of the option display is selected as the handling explanation.

7. (Original) The printing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein an object to be printed in the explanation printing is one which can be attached to an object of attachment through an adhesive surface.

8. (Currently amended) A method of displaying explanations of a printing apparatus which displays a plurality of options in a first hierarchy related to printing on a display screen, specifies at least one displayed option as a tentative option related to printing, determines the tentative option as a determinate option

related to printing, and performs printing based on the determinate option, said method comprising:

an explanation requesting step ~~capable of~~ for requesting, before the determination, a handling explanation including at least one of an operating explanation for guiding a next operation from a state of option display, in which the plurality of options are displayed, and a function explanation for a function of the tentative option; and

~~an explanation executing step of executing one of a display switching step of switching the display of the display screen from the option display to; display of the handling explanation when the handling explanation is requested;~~

a function explanation display when the function explanation for explaining the function of the tentative option is selected as the handling explanation;

a plurality of options in a second hierarchy that is related to the determinate option after the tentative option is determined as the determinate option; and

an operating explanation display when the operating explanation for guiding the next operation from the state of the option display is selected as the handling explanation; and

an explanation printing step of printing the handling explanation on an object to be printed.

9-12. (Canceled)